

Springerville Town Council
Minutes
May 4, 2005

Present: Mayor Kay Dyson, Mary Nedrow, Mark Baca, Scott Cray and Pete Hunt

Staff: Val Cordova Town Clerk, Steve West Acting Manager, Eduardo Coronado Town Attorney, and Larisa Bogardus Community Dev. Director.

Public: Judy Cooley liaison for Congressman Renzi, and Judy Hays WMI

1. Mayor Dyson called the meeting to order at 6:02pm with everyone present.
2. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Cray, Invocation by Councilman Hunt
3. Public Participation: Ms. Cooley with Congressman Renzi's office announced that their office is taking applications for the military academies. Congressman Renzi is working with State and Federal officials to prepare for the upcoming wildfires. As a House Permanent Select Committee member he is working with federal officials to strengthen and improve our border and homeland security. Ms. Cooley also reported that the Congressman wants to travel to Mexico City to lodge a formal protest on the recent pamphlet put out by the Mexican Government that shows how to cross the U.S. Border.

She reported that the River Reservoir is top priority of the Renzi office in appropriations and hopes to know something by the end of August. They also called the agency involved with the funding for the school project and were promised that the money would be here in two weeks.

Mayor Dyson stated that Dana Overson with EDAC is working on the environmental assessment for the application that will be here in two weeks and if everything works out it can be submitted in June. The application is for the hundred thousand dollars that was approved by Congress.

Larisa Bogardus reported the Chamber is having their 50th Anniversary Dinner and Dance this Saturday at the American Legion.

4. Manager, Council and Chamber Reports:

Mayor Dyson reported that she had received a letter from Hank Rogers asking for a letter of agreement/support for the OHV-ATV Jamboree this summer. The letter of support states that there is no commitment involved only support. She passed a copy of the letter to each of the council members to read and reiterated that they were just asking for a letter of support. She said she would write the letter if the council members didn't object.

Mayor Dyson also talked about an article in the United Press regarding the crisis situation of ruins that have been excavated that are now having to back-filled due to deterioration from weather.

She then briefly talked about a report distributed by Northern Arizona Council of Governments at the meeting she attend regarding how much money N.A.C.O.G. has given to Springerville over the last several years. She encouraged the council to read the report on the loss of funds to rural America, due to the "Strengthen America Initiative" implemented by President Bush that down sizes and cuts budgets. N.A.C.O.G. has sent a resolution to our Congressional Delegates in Washington opposing this initiative. This initiative cuts several programs including RC&D, CDBG, Elder programs, and the N.A.C.O.G. road funding. The Head Start would be put into an agency of the State, which would have a potential significant impact on Springerville.

She suggested that we also pass the same resolution at the next meeting if the council would like to do so.

Steve West reported on a visit by Governor Napolitano to the Cushman Museum to look at potential options to designate the museum as some type of State museum where it would be placed on maps to encourage more traffic to visit the museum.

5. Minutes: Consideration of approval of the minutes of April 20, 2005 at 6:00pm

Pete Hunt/Mary Nedrow motion to approve the minutes of April 20, 2005.

Vote:	Ayes:	Kay Dyson
		Mary Nedrow
		Mark Baca
		Scott Cray
		Pete Hunt

6. Special Per Diem Compensation Request: Discussion and action regarding a per diem request for Mayor Kay Dyson for attendance of meetings.

Mayor Dyson turned the meeting over to Vice Mayor Nedrow, declared a conflict of interest and left the room.

Vice Mayor Nedrow announced that they would take care of items 6 and 15 regarding per diem requests for Mayor Dyson.

Mark Baca/Scott Cray motion to approve the per diem request for Kay Dyson as noted.

Vote:	Ayes:	Mary Nedrow
		Mark Baca
		Scott Cray
		Pete Hunt

15. Special Per Diem Compensation Request: Discussion and action regarding a per diem request for Mayor Kay Dyson for attendance of meetings.

Pete Hunt/Mark Baca motion to approve the per diem request of \$100.00 for Mayor Dyson.

Vote:	Ayes:	Mary Nedrow
		Mark Baca
		Scott Cray
		Pete Hunt

Mayor Dyson was asked to return to the meeting.

7. Ordinance #2005-005: Discussion and first reading regarding ordinance #2005-005 replacing Chapter 5.20 "Solicitors, Canvassers, Peddlers" of the Springerville Municipal Code.

"An ordinance of the Town of Springerville, Arizona, replacing chapter 5.20 "Solicitors, Canvassers, Peddlers" of the Springerville Municipal Code and designating an effective date" read by Mayor Dyson

Concern was expressed that this ordinance would prevent vendors from participating in holiday events and they asked what the time frame involved in applying for a business license and receiving it would be.

Ms. Bogardus explained that it would not shut out vendors from participating in special events but it does protect the residents and make them feel safe from people soliciting at their doors. As for the time

frame for processing an application for a business license she said they allow themselves ten working days for processing but it should not take more than a couple of days.

8. Parks & Recreation Committee: Discussion and action regarding committee appointments.

Scott Cray/Mark Baca motion to appoint David and Rebecca Moya to the Parks and Recreation Committee.

Vote:	Ayes:	Kay Dyson
		Mary Nedrow
		Mark Baca
		Scott Cray
		Pete Hunt

9. Coronado Trail Management Plan: Discussion regarding a report on the status of the national scenic byway designation.

Mayor Dyson reported ADOT has submitted the application to the Federal Highway Administration to designate the Coronado Trail as a national scenic byway, which is currently designated as a forest scenic byway. If approved as a national scenic byway it could bring some money our way for heritage tourism and development of infrastructure along the trail. Some major concerns were discussed during last week's meetings regarding cell phone coverage, more towers, more ways to communicate on the trail and security. People in attendance from Clifton and along the trail stated their concerns regarding illegal entry from Mexico that will be addressed. Mayor Dyson asked Chief West if the Homeland Security Committee would bring up their concerns with sightings and towers at one of their meetings.

Steve West suggested that they get someone from Apache and Greenlee Counties to go to their prospective Homeland Security Committee's and request the funding. He explained that the committee he sits on sets the agenda for what will be funded and in what year. He stated that this would be easy to write this up but as far as monitoring the grant this is out of their jurisdiction.

Mayor Dyson noted that there is a website with trail markers of all the scenic attractions along the trail that will be hosted by Hanagan Meadows however, if this falls through Springerville will be next in line to post to our website.

10. Executive Session: Consider entering into executive session pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431-.03(A)(3) for discussion or consultation for legal advice with the Town Attorney concerning a lawsuit.

Mayor Dyson explained that our Attorney, Sterling Solomon could not be here tonight.

Scott/Mark Baca motion to table executive session.

Vote:	Ayes:	Kay Dyson
		Mary Nedrow
		Mark Baca
		Scott Cray
		Pete Hunt

11. Little Colorado River Watershed Coordinating Council: Discussion regarding possible partnership projects concerning water/sewer treatment systems.

Mayor Dyson explained that she attended a meeting of the Greater Little Colorado River Water Coordinating Council that look at stream and water shed management in Apache and Navajo Counties. She talked about our Intergovernmental Agreement with the Town of Eagar for sewage for processing,

the status of our Springerville wetlands, the Eagar Ponds being in the middle of Springerville, the possibility of the town trying to gain access on the west side and taking affluent from the Eagar ponds to the Springerville wetland. On May 16th from ten a.m. until noon at the Forest Service conference room there will be a meeting to discuss Springerville-Eagar waste management issues. Arizona Game & Fish, ADEQ, the Bureau of Reclamation, the Little Colorado River RC&D Water Shed Partnership leader will be in attendance. Northern Arizona University College of Watershed management is interested in engineering and designing the project and the Bureau of Reclamation is interested in funding it. This is a long range visionary project that could lead to water reuse for agriculture, clean up of the Eagar ponds that are in the middle of town, and could make our wetlands better.

She asked the council members interested in attending this meeting to contact Val but advised everyone that no decisions would be made at this meeting but would be brought to a regular council meeting for decisions.

12. Police Week Proclamation: Discussion and action regarding a proclamation for National Police Week and Peace Officers' Memorial Day.

Mayor Dyson stated that this is the month for recognizing our employees then read the proclamation out loud designating May 15th as Peace Officers' Memorial Day and the week in which 15th falls as National Police Week.

She then presented to Chief West and his department as a token of gratitude a signed letter and a gift certificate for a party for the police department.

Scott Cray/Mary Nedrow motion to proclaim the week of May 15th as National Police Week and authorize the Mayor to sign the Police Week Proclamation.

Vote:	Ayes:	Kay Dyson
		Mary Nedrow
		Mark Baca
		Scott Cray
		Pete Hunt

13. Resolution #2005-R009: Discussion and action regarding a resolution #2005-R009 proclaiming May 2-8, 2005, as Public Service Recognition Week.

A Resolution of the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Springerville, Arizona, to honor the millions of public employees at the Federal, State, County, and City levels:

Mayor Dyson included the other departments of the town that were not mentioned such as planning and zoning, and the attorneys. She gave letters of thank you to all the departments that included a pizza party for the fire department, public works, the senior center and Casa.

Mary Nedrow/Pete Hunt motion authoring the Mayor to sign resolution 2005-R009 Proclaiming May 2 - 8 2005 as Public Service Week.

Vote:	Ayes:	Kay Dyson
		Mary Nedrow
		Mark Baca
		Scott Cray
		Pete Hunt

14. Municipal Clerks Week Proclamation: Discussion and action regarding a proclamation for Municipal Clerks Week May 1-7, 2005.

Mayor Dyson read the proclamation, proclaiming the week of May 1-7, 2005 as Municipal Clerk's Week and presented Val with a special thank you.

Pete Hunt/Mary Nedrow motion to authorize the Mayor to sign a proclamation proclaiming May 1-7, 2005 as Municipal Clerks Week.

Vote:	Ayes:	Kay Dyson
		Mary Nedrow
		Mark Baca
		Scott Cray
		Pete Hunt

16. Adjournment:

Mary Nedrow/Pete Hunt motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:00pm.

Vote:	Ayes:	Kay Dyson
		Mary Nedrow
		Mark Baca
		Scott Cray
		Pete Hunt

Kay Dyson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Valentina Cordova, Town Clerk

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Springerville Town Council in regular session on Wednesday, May 4, 2005. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and a quorum was present.

Dated this 9th day of May, 2005

Valentina Cordova, Town Clerk